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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: August 9, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Metzner, DVM, President Rachel Longfellow, LVT, Vice-President Lynn Nellius, LVT Patricia Ennis, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Courtney Manetti, VMD Roberta Jackson, VMD Lena Corder, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Jose Jimenez Juli LaBadia, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Metzner called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting. Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

HEARING

<u>Dr. Jose Jimenez Regarding the Board's Proposal to Deny of his Application for Licensure as a</u> Veterinarian

Ms. Heeney called the formal hearing to order at 1:17 p.m. At its meeting on June 14, 2011, the Board proposed to deny Dr. Jimenez's application for a veterinarian license. Dr. Jimenez received an administrative penalty related to the practice of veterinary medicine in Florida. Section 3313(b) provides as follows: In the event the applicant shall have been the recipient of any administrative penalties regarding the applicant's practice of veterinary medicine, including but not limited to fines, formal reprimands, license suspension or revocation (except for license revocations for nonpayment of license renewal fees), probationary limitation, and/or has entered into any "consent agreements" which contain conditions placed by a Board on that applicant's professional conduct and practice, including any voluntary surrender of a license, the applicant shall furnish all information regarding such penalties and/or agreements to the Board. The Board may, after a hearing, determine that such administrative penalty is grounds to deny licensure.

Present for the hearing was Dr. Jimenez. He was sworn in by the court reporter and verbatim testimony was recorded by the court reporter. Dr. Jimenez verified that he had set forth, in writing, that he wished to waive his right to 20 days' notice of this hearing and wanted to proceed with the matter. Dr. Jimenez gave testimony regarding the circumstances about the disciplinary action in Florida and answered questions from Board members.

At 1:37 p.m., the Board went off the record for deliberations. The Board went back on the record at 1:42 p.m. Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to approve Dr. Jimenez's application for licensure as a veterinarian. The motion was unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 1:43 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion: Review of Additional Information Submitted by Dr. Reynell Andrews

The Board reviewed the additional information submitted by Dr. Reynell Andrews. A rule to show cause hearing was held for Dr. Andrews at the June 14, 2011 meeting. This information was not received by the Board prior to the hearing. After reviewing the additional information, the Board determined that there were no grounds to reopen the matter. The Board noted that, in 2008 and 2010, Dr. Andrews renewed an active license, and as part of that renewal process, he attested that he had completed his continuing education. In addition, during each renewal period, he was issued an active license. The Board did grant Dr. Andrews an extension until August 14, 2011 to provide proof of completion of his continuing education.

Sign Final Order from Rule to Show Cause Hearing Held for Dr. Alfred Rayne

The final order from the rule to show cause hearing held for Dr. Alfred Rayne was signed by Board members.

Sign Final Order from Rule to Show Cause Hearing Held for Dr. India Imperatore

The final order from the rule to show cause hearing held for Dr. India Imperatore was signed by Board members.

Review of Application for the VTNE

The Board reviewed the application of Antonio Rodriguez to sit for the VTNE. Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Dr. Metzner to approve Mr. Rodriguez's application. The motion was carried by majority vote. Ms. Ennis voted against the motion.

Review of Continuing Education Request

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to approve the following continuing education request:

American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association 2010 AHVMA Annual Meeting – up to 25 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Request from Representative Booth to Promulgate a Rule and Regulation Requiring

Veterinarians to Provide and/or Review Side Effects of Medications With the Pet's Owner Upon

Request

The Board reviewed the email from Mr. Collins advising that Representative Booth has asked if the Board would promulgate a rule and regulation that requires veterinarians to provide and/or review side effects of medications with the pet's owner upon request. Proposed language was drafted by Board members and provided to Ms. Heeney. Ms Heeney will draft a proposed rule and regulation for the Board to review at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications for the VTNE

Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to approve the following persons to sit for the VTNE:

Jessica Banks
Tracy McNair
Rebecca Farnan
Maryann Wilson
Danica Lott
Ashley Joyce
Angela Carson
Deborah Wade
Breena Sullivan

The motion was unanimously carried

Ratification of Applications for Veterinarian Licensure by Examination

Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nellius to ratify the following persons for veterinarian licensure by examination:

Leslie Reyes-Espinosa Traniece Figgers Natalie LaTorre Jennifer Wendt Julie Nielsen Toria Boon

The motion was unanimously carried

Review of Continuing Education Requests

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to approve the following continuing education request:

CVC in Kansas City

Veterinarians – up to 34 hours and Veterinary Technicians – up to 29 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nellius to approve the following continuing education request:

The Chi Institute

Veterinary Acupuncture & Herbal Medicine Introduction – 14 hours 13th Annual Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medical Conference – 28 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Status of Complaints

Complaint No. 28-05-10 – Closed (Contact Person – Dr. Manetti) Complaint No. 28-06-10 – Closed (Contact Person – Dr. Manetti)

Review of Application for Veterinarian Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application from Karin Sorenmo for veterinarian licensure by reciprocity. Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Dr. Metzner to table this application pending clarification as to whether the veterinary college that Dr. Sorenmo attended is AVMA accredited and Ms. Heeney reviewing the Pennsylvania statute. The motion was unanimously carried.

AAVSB 2011 Annual Meeting – September 15-17, 2011

The AAVSB 2011 Annual Meeting will be held on September 15-17, 2011 in New Orleans. Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ennis to approve Ms. Longfellow to attend the Annual Meeting as the Board's voting delegate. The motion was unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle L. Melvin

Administrative Specialist III